

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-02
A RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD
OF THE CALIFORNIA INSTITUTE FOR REGENERATIVE MEDICINE
HONORING JAMES S. ECONOMOU FOR HIS SERVICE TO
THE CALIFORNIA INSTITUTE FOR REGENERATIVE MEDICINE,
STEM CELL RESEARCH, AND CALIFORNIA PATIENTS

WHEREAS, James S. Economou, M.D., Ph.D. is Vice Chancellor for Research at UCLA, a position to which he was appointed on July 1, 2010, served as deputy director of UCLA's Jonsson Comprehensive Cancer Center from 2002 through 2010, holds joint appointments in the UCLA Departments of Microbiology, Immunology and Molecular Genetics, and Molecular and Medical Pharmacology, and is the Beaumont Professor of Surgery and Chief of the Division of Surgical Oncology;

WHEREAS, Dr. Economou earned his undergraduate, medical, and doctoral degrees from the Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, Maryland, and completed his general surgical training at the University of California, San Francisco, and joined the UCLA faculty in 1986;

WHEREAS, Dr. Economou is a respected clinician who performs approximately 400 surgeries a year, specializing in melanoma, primary, and metastatic liver cancer and sarcomas, and who leads a laboratory that is developing gene therapy treatments for melanoma and liver cancer;

WHEREAS, Dr. Economou is the Past President of the Society of Surgical Oncology and the recipient of its James Ewing Medal, has chaired two NIH study sections, undertook the first gene therapy trial on the West Coast, and founded and led the UCLA Human Gene Medicine Program for 15 years until 2008;

WHEREAS, Dr. A. Eugene Washington, the Vice Chancellor of UCLA Health Sciences and Dean of the David Geffen School of Medicine, appointed Dr. Economou to serve as his alternate on CIRM's Governing Board in 2010;

WHEREAS, Dr. Economou has participated in numerous meetings of the Governing Board, helping to revise the agency's strategic plan and assisting in the Board's transition to new leadership;

WHEREAS, Dr. Economou brought a wealth of knowledge, insight, and experience to CIRM in his role as a member of the Governing Board;

WHEREAS, Dr. Economou also contributed to CIRM through his wise advice and counsel to CIRM's Chairman; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Economou, through his vast experience, knowledge, and leadership, contributed greatly to the momentum of discovery and the future therapies

which will be the ultimate outcome of the dedicated work of the researchers receiving CIRM funding.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Governing Board of the California Institute for Regenerative Medicine, on behalf of the people of the State of California, wishes to express its deepest gratitude to James S. Economou, M.D., Ph.D., for his service on CIRM's Governing Board and for his dedication to the advancement of stem cell research and to the mission of finding therapies and cures for patients who suffer from chronic disease and injury and for their families.

This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its approval.

Date Approved: _____

Signed: _____

Chairman, Governing Board
California Institute for Regenerative Medicine